JFK assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 9/3/79

Referrals to CIA - including what is disclosed

Attached are referral slips to the CIA of the same day for 62-109060-5133 and 5139 and a Not Recorded Serial from 105-82555.

From the partly legible notation of where the original of the 105 record is filed it appears that it is identical with Serial 5139 above.

This means that with not unaccustomed arbitrariness and capriciousness the same FBI withheld the same record from one file in the guise that it was necessary to refer it to the CIA while disclosing it in another file and with that also disclosing that there was no need to make this referral - two years ago.

The purpose of the memo is to go into the matters on which Jim Garrison "sold" Jack Anderson, hardly a matter or urgent national security and already disclosed in the cited memo.

The only withholding within the record follows the absolutely non-sensical allegation that the CIA subsidized the JFK assassination, the ridiculous report that hardly needed referral.

However, if what is withheld also includes Clay Shaw's prior connection with the CIA, that was within the public domain in various ways prior to this proceeding and these referrals. I repeated what was in the press in 1967 and the CIA itself made disclosure after Victor Marchetti made some statements that were considerably exaggerated in repetition.

Were none of these things true there would remain the question of anything reasonably segregable in what is withheld. From the context that none is is obvious.

Both of the referred records are of identical description except for the number of pages.

The number 233 at the top of this record is not typical of FBI markings. Can you shed any light on its significance or the occasion for adding it - like is it part of a tickler or similar collection of records?